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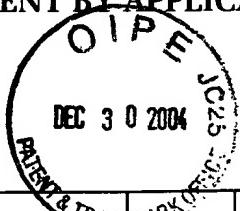
Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are submitting herewith under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(i) a Supplemental European Search Report dated October 20, 2004, along with attached Form PTO-1449, listing references not already cited in the above-referenced application, along with reference JP 10 233137 and an English-language abstract thereof. The information being submitted herewith is to be placed in the file of the above-referenced application.

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